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Re: Application of Extension of Certificate of Convenience and
Necessity
Johnson Utilities Company (Docket No. WS-02987A-04-0288)

Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

The above referenced Docket includes a request for an extension of Johnson Utilities' CC&N to provide water and wastewater service to portions of the initial phases of the Anthem development located in the Town of Florence. Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge, Nodes has issued a recommended order granting the requested extension of Johnson Utilities' certificated area and requiring Johnson Utilities to post a performance bond and file a rate case.

Florence strongly supports the recommendation to extend Johnson Utilities' CC&N. Johnson Utilities' current CC&N includes much of the initial phases of the Anthem development making this extension to the remainder of the initial phases essential to the timely development of the Anthem project. The Anthem project is a key component of planned economic development within Florence, making the development of Anthem a priority for the Town and its residents.

Florence recognizes the Commission's obligation to evaluate a utility under its jurisdiction and impose conditions upon the utility when appropriate. Accordingly, we do not have a position on the bonding and rate case provisions of the proposed order. However, it is our understanding that these are contested conditions and a decision on a different Johnson Utilities' matter was delayed to allow additional discussion of the proposed conditions. Approval of the extension of Johnson Utilities CC&N at the October 18, 2005 Open Meeting is critical to the timely development of Anthem and the economic interests of the Town and its residents. Considering the critical nature of this decision to Florence and its residents, we ask that the Commission, if at all possible,

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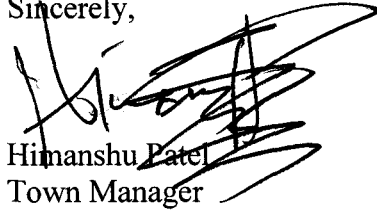
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adjudicate the contested issues and issue a decision granting the CC&N extension at the October 18, 2005 Open Meeting.

Sincerely,



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